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PRINCIPAL STAFF MEETING Tuesday, January 3, 2006

Present: Ron Hilliard Truman Wolfe

Bill O'Donnell Russ Campbell

Herb Andrick Greg Kist
Andy Deichert Greg Stone
Louis Aspey Pat Bowen
Casey Shrader Carol Lagodich
Steve Carpenter Diana Doerr

The meeting was called to order by the facilitator Carol Lagodich at 8:00 am.

PAT BOWEN

A State Farmland Authority meeting will be held in Lewisburg, January 5, 2006 beginning at 10:00 am to approximately 4:00 pm. One topic is Potential Conservation Easement Tax Credit. A representative will be presenting this information in respect to what is being used in Virginia.

TRUMAN WOLFE

Reminder of the WV Association of Conservation District Meeting is scheduled for January 9-10, 2006, at the Stonewall Resort. The meeting will start at 11:00 am through 5:00 pm on the 9th and 8:00 am to 11:30 am on the 10th.

Truman also reviewed the following meeting dates:

- > Senate Committee on Finance-Monday, January 30, 2006 @ 4:00 pm.
- > House Committee on Finance-Tuesday, February 7, 2006 @ 9:00 am.
- > NACD Meeting-January 30, 2006
- > Ag Day at the Capitol February 14, 2006

RON HILLIARD

Farm Bureau's Ag/Forestry Day is scheduled January 26, 2006, if anyone would like to attend.

GREG STONE

Reported Laura Davis returned from her 60 day tour of duty for Hurricane Katrina.

RON HILLIARD

Ron asked Greg Stone to check with Laura Davis to put together a short slide presentation for the WVACD meeting. Truman will check with Gary Oats to see if they could make space on the agenda for a short presentation.

GREG KIST

Reminded everyone if you are planning on attending the retirement party for Delmas Carr you need to get the information in this week.

Also, Luke Hunter will be acting DC for the Parkersburg Service Center.

BILL O'DONNELL

Announced that Peg Reese will serve as Acting District Conservationist at the Morgantown Field Office beginning today through April 30, 2006.

RON HILLIARD

JR Wolfe will continue as Acting Resource Conservationist on the Programs Staff through April 30, 2006.

CAROL LAGODICH

Principal staff needs to submit information for the Annual Report as soon as possible.

RON HILLIARD

Wished everyone a Happy New Year and hope you had a great Christmas.

Response to the request for NRCS representation on the WVACD Planning Committee will be Bill O'Donnell, ASTC-O.

Budget deficit reduction plan was submitted last week to the Regional Assistant Chief (RAC). As of today we have not received any response from the RAC.

Still do not have funding for AMA contracts but ask employees to keep track of their time. Employees are asked to keep their time to a minimum such as, when working with the A&E Contract engineers by showing them the site, boundaries, make it short and sweet; continue to work with the farmers for payments and etc. At this point charge all AMA time to CTA-General. Keep track of AMA time so we can do corrected time sheets when we receive funding.

Charlotte Wertz will be out this week expecting to return on Monday, January 9, 2006. Ron Bricker will continue as Acting SAO.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting Monday, January 9, 2006.